

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**HB 3576 – SB 3597**

March 9, 2012

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014027):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits state higher education institutions from discriminating against, denying recognition to, or denying equal access to programs, funding, or facilities for any student organization on the basis of the religious content of the group's speech, including, but not limited to worship. Authorizes a religious organization to determine that the organization's religious mission requires that only persons who profess the group's faith and who conform to it qualify as members or leaders of the organization. Prohibits state higher education institutions from denying recognition, privilege, or benefit to a student organization or group that exercises its rights to have such individuals be leaders or members. Defines "state higher education institution" as any higher education institution governed by the Tenn. Code Ann. Title 49, Chapters 8 or 9.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal impact.**

Assumption applied to amendment:

- Any increase in the number of recognized student religious groups or organizations or in such groups' or organizations' activities on public higher education institution campuses will be minimal and will have no fiscal impact on state or local government expenditures.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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